

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Stephen I. Rennard et al.

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For: METHODS FOR FIBROBLAST  
DIFFERENTIATION

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Group Art Unit: 1657

Examiner: Vera Afremova

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 11, 2007**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 11, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 11, 2007, please enter this response and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/UNMC/0008/CEH, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.